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Spouse Program

Bring your family - A special program of sight-seeing in and around Washington, D.C. area is being arranged for spouses. Located in the heart of the city, this area holds many unique and varied opportunities for visitors. The program will consist of 3½ days of activities. Fee includes transportation, admission to all scheduled activities; continental breakfast each morning, lunch each day, the conference reception on Wednesday evening and the banquet on Friday evening.

Host – Sally Prakash

We are excited about the Washington, DC area and the opportunities it provides for the spouse/family of conference attendees. This program has been specially arranged by Sally Prakash who will serve as your host and tour guide.

HIGHLIGHTS

National Mall – A splendid green park area extending approximately two miles from the U.S. Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial including the Reflecting Pool. Lining either side of the park near the Capitol are 200- year-old American elm trees, several of the Smithsonian Institution Museums, National Archives, National Gallery of Art and U.S. Botanic Gardens.

Washington Monument - Of all the Presidents of the United States, George Washington is the most celebrated. Efforts to commemorate his legacy began during his lifetime and continue to this day. Down through the years they have taken on many forms. His leadership and service to the republic have been distinguished through the naming of the federal capital, universities, streets, counties, and a state. In addition to these honors, he had been remembered in works of art, monumental buildings, and historic preservation, involving Americans of all walks of life. But none have captured the imagination of the people world-wide like the Washington Monument.

Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery - Two outstanding collections of Asian art, plus works by 19th – 20th – century American artists. The opulent Peacock Room is the only surviving example of American expatriate James McNeill Whistler's interior design.

Arlington National Cemetery – our nation's most treasured burial ground, is home to more than 285,000 honored dead. Among the thousands of white headstones are the graves of President John F. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, world champion boxer Joe Louis and the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Lincoln Memorial – This grand monument overlooks the Reflecting Pool, the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol. Inside, the 19-foot marble statue of the 16th president is flanked by inscriptions of his Second Inaugural Address and the famous Gettysburg Address.

Korean War Veterans Memorial – Built by the Korean War Veterans Advisory with \$1.8 million in donated funds. Located on a 2.2 acre site adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial, Reflection Pool, featuring a sculptured column of soldiers arrayed for combat and a 164-foot mural wall inscribed with the words, "Freedom is Not Free" and etched with 2,500 photographic images of nurses, chaplains, crew chiefs, mechanics and other support personnel.

National World War II Memorial – This memorial honors the 16 million who served during WWII and those who supported the war effort from home. The memorial features two 43-foot arches, a 17-foot pillar for each state and territory from that period, and a field of 4,000 gold stars honoring the more than 400,000 who died. A series of bronze sculpture panels depict Americans at war, at home and overseas.

Mount Vernon - As our nation's first president, George Washington is a timeless and inspirational hero to people all around the world. You will be visiting Washington's tomb. You will be seeing the

innovative Pioneer Farmer site with its 16-sided barn, the inspirational Slave Memorial, lush gardens and museums with exhibitions on Washington and Mount Vernon archaeology.

DC Ducks Tour – Climb aboard an authentic fully restored WWII amphibious vessel for a whole new sightseeing adventure. Enjoy a fully narrated land and water tour, under the low over flying aircrafts, an experience of a life-time.

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Orientation & Slide Presentation
12:00 am Lunch
2:00 pm Tentative – DC Duck Tour
6:00 pm Return to Hotel
6:30 pm Reception

Thursday, August 14, 2008

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am City Tour includes: Christ Church, Mount Vernon, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean & Marine Corps(Iwo Jima) Memorials. Arlington Cemetery's, Tomb of the Unknowns for the Changing of the Guards as well as the Kennedy Gravesites, Old Town Alexandria, Fort Washington, The Pentagon, US Capitol, Library of Congress, White House, Federal Traingle, Embassy Row, Georgetown, US Navy Memorial and the Corcoran Gallery of Art.
(Lunch will be served)

Friday, August 15, 2008

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Freer Gallery of Art
(Lunch will be served)
5:00 pm Return to Hotel
6:30 pm Social Hour & Banquet

Saturday, August 16, 2008

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Shopping Center for shopping
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 pm Adjourn